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**Ch. 24 and 25 *Henrietta Lacks* reading**

**Chapter Twenty-Four: “Least They Can Do”**

1. What motivated Michael Rogers to find the Lacks family?

2. Paraphrase the paragraph in Rogers’s article that the Lacks family found extremely upsetting. What conclusion did they draw about George Gey and Johns Hopkins?

3. What facts about George Gey’s life support the assertion that he never personally profited from the development of HeLa?

4. Explain how the sale of HeLa evolved into a business. Describe the extent to which the profits from that business are likely a direct result of the sale of HeLa cells. In what other ways do scientists, corporations, and individuals profit as a result of HeLa?

5. Why did Deborah begin researching her mother’s cells? What effect did her research have on her?

6. What information about the Lackses was published by McKusick and Hsu? Why is the publication of this information troubling from an ethical and legal standpoint?

**Chapter Twenty-Five: “Who Told You You Could Sell My Spleen?”**

1. Summarize John Moore’s story.

2. Describe the lawsuit that set a legal precedent for patenting biological “products” such as cell lines.

3. Why did scientists find the Moore lawsuit deeply troubling?

4. Summarize the pros and cons of giving patients legal ownership of their cells.

5. What was the Supreme Court of California’s decision regarding the Moore lawsuit? Summarize the reasoning behind the decision.

6. Do you agree with the court’s ruling? Explain your answer.